

Addendum to Informative Digest in Finding of Emergency

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

The Board proposes to adopt Article 5 and Sections 1068-1074 in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR). This article and sections concern requirements for administering, scoring, and reporting locally adopted pre-post assessments by schools that are registered in the Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM) and have chosen to adopt a pre-post assessment instrument as an indicator of achievement for use in the ASAM.

The proposed regulations are intended to assure that the pre-post assessments are administered, scored, and reported in a consistent, reliable, valid, and fair manner statewide.

Section 1068 specifies that Article 5 applies only to schools that are registered in the Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM) and have chosen to adopt a pre-post assessment instrument as an indicator for use in the ASAM.

Section 1069 defines the meaning of “Pre-post assessment instrument,” “Pre-test,” “Post-test,” “ASAM test site coordinator,” “Test Administrator,” and “Long-term student,” as they are used in Article 5.

Section 1070 requires the ASAM test site coordinator to oversee the administration of all pre-post assessment instruments and to ensure that the instructions provided in the publisher’s assessment administration manual are followed.

Section 1071 states that any certificated employee of a school district trained in the administration of the pre-post assessment instruments, or a trained paraprofessional employee of the school district under the direct supervision of a trained certificated employee, may administer the pre-post assessment instrument.

Section 1072 is designed to ensure the security of the pre-post assessment instruments. It requires ASAM test site coordinators to sign the ASAM Pre-Post Assessment Security Agreement acknowledging that the pre-post assessment instruments are secure, and agreeing to safeguard them in specified ways. This section also requires all persons having access to pre-post assessment instruments to sign the ASAM Pre-Post Assessment Security Affidavit. The affidavit requires signatories to acknowledge that they will have access to the ASAM pre-post assessment instruments, that they understand that the materials are highly secure, and that it is their professional responsibility to protect the security of the assessment instruments in specified ways.

Section 1073 requires the ASAM site coordinator supervise all scoring of pre-post assessment instruments that is done at the school site or district office and to monitor the contract for any scoring activities carried out by an external contractor. This section also specifies that all scoring must be done following the instructions and using the answer keys provided by the test publisher.

Section 1074 requires school districts that have adopted a pre-post assessment instrument to collect specified information for each long-term student enrolled in the school and submit the results to CDE or its designee by July 31 each year for purposes of aggregate analyses only.